

HCS SB 173 -- FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS

SPONSOR: Quick (May)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Elections by a vote of 10 to 2.

This substitute changes the term of office from three to four years for the fire protection district director receiving the second highest number of votes and makes this change applicable to elections held after March 31, 2003. The substitute also prohibits firefighters from electioneering while on duty or while wearing a uniform. Violations may result in forfeiture of employment.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will save money by reducing the frequency of elections.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Quick.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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